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1. An extensive construction project has been initiated at the Lozovac aluminum combine near Sibenik. Two electrolysis buildings 160 meters long are being built during 1951, which, when completed, will increase the capacity of the combine by 100 per cent.
2. Until recently the combine was using a kaolin and silicate mixture containing a great quantity of aluminum which was processed by the combine and by the clay factory in Moste in Slovenia.
3. Owing to the small productive capacity of the Yugoslav aluminum industry, part of the raw materials processed at the clay factory in Moste had to be exported for electrolysis and a substantial quantity of finished aluminum had to be imported. However, after the construction of the electrolysis buildings, all the clay produced by the Lozovac combine and the Moste factory will be electrolyzed in Yugoslavia.
4. Part of the proposed buildings will be completed in June 1951; however, plans call for the completion of the entire project by the end of 1951.
5. The electrolysis equipment received as war reparations has been delivered to Yugoslavia and will be installed as soon as the main portions of the buildings have been completed.
6. Near Razina in the vicinity of Mandalina, work has begun on the construction of an aluminum rolling mill. The location of this new rolling mill is well chosen, because it will be near the railroad line as well as near the Manojlovac power station which will supply the plant with electric power. The building housing the rolling machinery will be 300 meters long. According to the construction schedule, part of the mill will begin operating in mid-1952, and the entire plant will be ready for full operation at the end of the same year.
7. This rolling mill will produce pure aluminum plates as well as aluminum alloys, a variety of tin products for the food industries, aluminum wires for the electric industry and many other products to be used in heavy and light industry.

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8. The estimated production of the rolling mill will be greater than the needs of Yugoslavia; consequently, a certain quantity of aluminum products will be available for export. It is anticipated, therefore, that in accordance with the production plans for 1953, Yugoslavia will be exporting rather than importing aluminum.

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